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<p>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
<br />
Health Care Financing Administration</p>

<p>Center for Medicaid and State Operations
<br />
7500 Security Boulevard
<br />
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850</p>

<p>June 7, 1999</p>

<p>Dear State Medicaid Director: </p>

<p>Mental illness affects millions of Americans, many of whom rely on Medicaid
to cover their health and mental health care needs. In recognition of the White
House Conference on Mental Health, I am writing to provide information about
several issues related to mental health services. </p>

<p><b>Developments in Mental Health Treatment</b></p>

<p>Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) programs have been used to serve persons
with serious and persistent mental illness for a number of years. Programs
based on ACT principles employ interdisciplinary treatment teams, shared
caseloads, 24-hour mobile crisis teams, assertive outreach for treatment in
clients' own environments, individualized treatment, medication,
rehabilitation and supportive services. Assertive Case Management (ACM)
programs which incorporate shared caseloads also provide this array of
individualized, community-based services. </p>

<p>The evidence base for a variety of treatment and service interventions for
persons with schizophrenia, including ACT and ACM, has recently been reviewed
by the Schizophrenia Patient Outcomes Research Team (PORT), with support from
the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research and the National Institute of
Mental Health. With respect to persons with schizophrenia who are at high risk
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for discontinuation of treatment or for repeated crises, the PORT team concluded that: </p>

"Randomized trials have demonstrated consistently the effectiveness of these programs [ACT and ACM] in reducing inpatient use among such high-risk patients. Several studies also support improvements in clinical and social outcomes. These studies suggest that both ACT and ACM are superior to conventional case management for high-risk cases (<u>Schizophrenia Bulletin, 1998</u>)." </div>

<p>Consumer Directed Care</p>

<p>Pharmacy</p>

<p>Sincerely, </p>

<p>/s/</p>

<p>Sally K. Richardson

Director</p>

<p>cc:

All HCFA Regional Administrators</p>

<p>All HCFA Associate Regional Administrators for Medicaid and State
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<p>Lee Partridge

American Public Health Services Association</p>

<p>Robert Glover

National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors</p>

<p>Joy Wilson

National Conference of State Legislatures</p>

<p>Matt Salo

National Governors' Association</p>

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